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INVENTION: Method and Apparatus for	§	EXAMINER:
Producing a Curly Puff	§	
Extrudate	§	
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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING A CURLY PUFF EXTRUDATE

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

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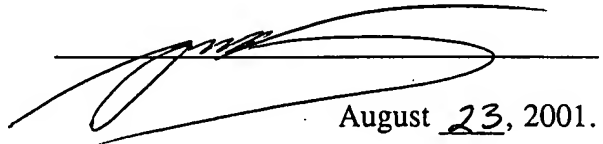
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